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I support replacing this bridge, but oppose HB 2098 -2, because this legislation as currently written jeopardizes a right-sized Bridge Replacement, right now. I support the forthcoming -3 Amendment (and the policy recommendations offered by the Just Crossing Alliance) that ensures this replacement bridge project moves forward smoothly with explicit pro-labor provisions, finance guardrails, and major investments in mass transit. This approach makes sense!

Overspending on this bridge will result in a lack of funds for projects that protect the safety of our citizens throughout Portland.

Simply put, More traffic lanes = More cars = More pollution! We need to stop the old way of doing things if we want different results. Our city and state has identified climate change as an important issue to address. If there is real intention to meet identified goals, our approach to projects like this must change.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.